

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION

Information Bulletin

SIDEWALKS



Is your sidewalk safe?

Three ways to make your sidewalk safe.....

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It is the responsibility of each home owner to maintain sidewalks, crosswalks and driveways which lie in the street right-of-way adjoining his lot.

New residential sidewalks are constructed six feet wide and four inches thick. The portion of a sidewalk crossed by a private driveway must be at least six inches thick.

The Department of Public Works conducts a continuous city-wide sidewalk inspection to keep all sidewalks safe and in good repair.

Sidewalks inspection and repair is carried on between April 15 and November 15 when there is no danger to new concrete from freezing. Since it requires a number of years to inspect the 4,600 miles of sidewalk in the city, your sidewalk may not be inspected this year.

When a sidewalk needs to be repaired, the Department of Public Works notifies the property owner to repair the sidewalk within 10 days. You may do the work yourself, have it done by a private contractor, or you may have the work done by the City. If the work is not done in 10 days, it will be done by the City and the property owner billed for the cost.

You need not wait for a repair notice. If the sidewalks in your neighborhood need repair, you and your neighbors may join in a request for inspection. Make your request to the Permits Division, WD 3-1260 through your neighborhood conservation council or other neighborhood group.

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If you are doing the work yourself, you must get a permit from the Department of Public Works, Permit Division, before you start work. For any repair involving more than 2 flags or 72 square feet.

When you get your permit, find out what specifications the work must conform to, such as grades, thickness of construction, quality of materials.

On the day before the cement is to be poured, call the Department of Public Works Inspection Bureau, WD 3-1260, tell them what time the following day the cement is to be poured. Construction materials and the amount of sand, stone and concrete in the paving mixture must meet the specifications of the Department of Public Works.

If you hire a Contractor be sure he is a BONDED CONTRACTOR. The Bonded Contractor will obtain the permit, find out the specifications for the work and guarantee the job for 5 years. The cost of the permit will usually be included in the price of the job.

If you request the city to do the work, the best way is to have the request made in writing by several home owners through your neighborhood conservation council or other neighborhood group. No permit is necessary, and the work is guaranteed for 5 years.

Detroiters have a good place to live. Your city government believes that Detroit citizens want to work together to make Detroit a better place to live.

Putting in a new sidewalk is another step in the Neighborhood Conservation program and is designed to make your neighborhood a better place to live. You can also help to improve your own home and also help improve the entire neighborhood.

The things that you do to maintain your home will encourage your neighbors to maintain and improve their homes. The improvements that are made in your neighborhood will be the things you and your neighbors decide to work together to bring about. The Detroit Committee for Neighborhood Conservation and Improved Housing is ready to work with you now to bring these things about.

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